



## Memorandum

Date: December 4, 1998

To: Hon. Bruce Babbitt  
Secretary of the Interior

George Dunn, Chief of Staff  
Governor Pete Wilson

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Subject: Getting to the Draft Preferred Alternative

During our meetings of December 1 and 2, there was considerable side discussion on how we get to closure on specific Phase II report language in the next two weeks. The primary approach resulting from those discussions is to utilize a slightly smaller core group of stakeholders in the "Babbitt/Dunn" discussions and to have smaller focused work groups meeting prior to and concurrently in order to develop specific language and resolve conflicts. Additionally, larger caucus meetings are being scheduled to help provide stakeholder understanding and support for a draft Phase II report.

Specifically, the next two weeks will be structured as follows:

1. "Babbitt/Dunn" meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., and Wednesday, December 9 from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tentative agendas are attached. The primary intent is to push discussion into specific proposed changes in draft Phase II report language or framing an issue such that it can be referred to a focused work group. Both meetings will be held in the Resources Building to allow access to computers for revisions and to additional meeting rooms.
2. Four work group meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday morning to provide immediate support/response: Quinn/Spear fisheries and operations group; Ag Conservation Focus Group; Water Quality and Conveyance; and, an Assurance/Finance group. These groups will be set up in different meeting rooms with the capability of "single-text" editing in order to provide quick turn-around. These groups will also meet as necessary after December 9.

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### CALFED Agencies

California    The Resources Agency  
                  Department of Fish and Game  
                  Department of Water Resources  
                  California Environmental Protection Agency  
                  State Water Resources Control Board

Federal        Environmental Protection Agency  
                  Department of the Interior  
                  Fish and Wildlife Service  
                  Bureau of Reclamation  
                  U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

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3. Stakeholder caucus meetings should be scheduled as available the week of December 7 in order help overcome the concerns resulting from utilizing a core group of stakeholders. Additionally, the Bay-Delta Advisory Council will be meeting December 10 starting at 9 a.m., a short visit from Babbitt and/or Dunn would be useful to increase BDAC's involvement in the draft Preferred Alternative.
4. A Babbitt/Dunn meeting should be scheduled for December 15 in case a last check for the Phase II report is needed.
5. The CALFED Policy Group will have a regular meeting on December 17 and can deal with last minute agency issues.
6. Friday, December 18 is scheduled as the formal release date for the Draft Phase II Report. A press event is warranted and CALFED staff is working with state and federal parties on coordination.

Attachments